

City of Lake Geneva Parking Commission
April 15, 2015 – 6:00pm
Conference Room 2A, City Hall
Minutes

1. **Opening and Attendance:** Attendance recorded and copies of minutes distributed.
2. **Roll Call at 6:00pm**
Present: Chairman Krause, Fleming, Kordus, and Swangstu
Also Present: Darien Schaefer (Non-Voting), Mayor Connors, and Parking Manager Mullally
3. **Approval of Minutes**
Kordus/Fleming motion to approve minutes. Motion carried 4 to 0.
4. **Open Comments**
Mr. Fleming, speaking as a citizen, informed the Parking Commission that sixty parking spaces would be closed at Central Dennison due to summer construction. Mr. Fleming stated that last year the area was partially closed but allowed some of the area for forty or fifty spaces. He suggested using the playground area for parking; and stated he would like the item to be on the next agenda. Mr. Fleming requested the City pursue more parking spaces, as sixty spaces is a lot to lose.
5. **Update on Summer 2015 stall reconfiguration and stall additions**
Parking Manger Mullally stated that in mid-May they would begin to add parking stalls, reconfigure parallel to angle stalls and fill in a curb cut on Geneva Street. The Street Department is waiting for consistent weather in the 70's, meaning changes would be made around the second or third week of May. Ms. Mullally stated the goal for the reconfigurations is before Memorial Weekend. Mr. Fleming questioned the preparations. Ms. Mullally replied that the temperatures need to be consistent for the paint to dry, creating new number configurations, ordering new poles, removing and replacing poles.
6. **Discussion on curb cut fill on the 200 block of Center Street**
Mayor Connors described the location of the curb cut as being the driveway of the old Derrick Funeral Home. Parking Manager Mullally stated the City received permission in writing from the current building owner to fill in the curb cut. Ms. Mullally said that if filled, it would be enough space for one stall and possibly one motorcycle stall. She would be measuring out the area tomorrow with the Street Department. Alderman Kordus explained this would need to go to Public Works. Mr. Krause suggested that Ms. Mullally speak to Director of Public Works Winkler regarding the restoration of the sidewalk resulting from closing up the driveway/curb cut.

Ms. Mullally asked the Commission to return back to item #5 regarding reconfigurations and stall additions. Ms. Mullally stated that she has conferred with Mr. Winkler regarding adding seven parking stalls on the curve between Broad and North Street in front of Town Bank. Mayor Connors suggested that Ms. Mullally check with the Fire Chief and Police Chief regarding the additions. She stated Mr.

Winkler liked the idea as it would help to slow down traffic. Ms. Mullally added that this would open up the free parking options on the east and west side of North Street.

Kordus/Fleming motion to pass the item to Public Works and check with the Police and Fire Chief regarding emergency vehicles.

Mr. Fleming asked how many more spaces in total were being created and Ms. Mullally responded conservatively between forty and sixty.

7. Discussion on future of Handicap Stalls

Ms. Mullally stated she has been doing some research on the City's handicap van accessibility reserved parking stalls. Our handicap stall placement was based on the parking study completed in 2013. She has the group whose proposed legislation, "Accessibility for Pedestrians Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way" was listed in the parking study. The proposed legislation never made it to the floor and stopped for public comments in 2012. She also contacted Milwaukee's Parking Department to inquire as to how they were placing handicap van accessibility stalls. According to Wisconsin State Statutes, only public and private facilities are regulated, not street parking. Ms. Mullally said although she acknowledged there is an obvious need for handicap accessible parking, she wanted to conduct a summer analysis of the parking stalls we currently have. She stated the City has 4% of its paid parking handicap van accessible over by 2% as regulated for public and private facilities. She would like to place handicap spaces where they are needed most. She provided pictures where she observed vehicles with handicap placards parking closest to the building while handicap spaces a few stalls next to them were empty. She would like to do a summer analysis and submit the findings for the committee to review. She stated that for every handicap space created, two parking stalls are lost. Therefore, she would like to base the placement of the handicap stalls where they are needed, and not based on non-existing legislation. Ms. Mullally said according to the parking study, the City has a surplus of handicap stalls in various blocks; including ten stalls in block ten alone. Although, in the Keefe and Cook lot there are far more handicap stalls than state mandated. She would prefer handicap van accessible parking in a lot as opposed to a busy Main Street. Mr. Kordus stated that he agreed; and would like Ms. Mullally do a study and come back with recommendations after the season.

8. Discussion on compact stalls on Wrigley Drive between Main Street and Broad Street

Ms. Mullally stated she received a request from a representative of Popeye's restaurant to make driving out of their lot safer. She said the options are to do nothing, make the parking stall before the driveway a compact stall, or push back a parking stall and paint a yellow line so that there is more visibility for the driver leaving the lot. Mr. Kordus stated from personal experience he has had no problem with oncoming traffic. Mr. Connors and Mr. Kordus directed Ms. Mullally to instead monitor the driveway to see if they are accidents.

9. Date and Agenda items for next meeting

Mr. Fleming reiterated his request for Central Dennison. Mr. Swangstu stated that since the TIF is still open, he would like to opt for another referendum for a parking structure. Mr. Krause wanted to revisit parking apps and Mr. Kordus smart cards. Mr. Kordus also asked if they should be working on covers for meters during the shutdown. Ms. Mullally stated she is already working with the company that made

the covers for the beach meters. She needs a cover with an opening for solar panels so that she can test the system before March.

7. Adjournment

Fleming/Swangstu motion to adjourn, passed unanimously. Adjourned at 6:32pm

Next Meeting Wednesday May 20, 2015 at 6:00pm